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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, PINS, BL, CA

SUBJECT: INFORMATION REQUEST ON CANADIAN COMPANY: ASHLING
INVESTMENTS LTD.

REF: LA PAZ 3337

1. AS STATED IN REFTEL, ASHLING INVESTMENTS LTD. IS LOCATED AT 1055 WEST HASTINGS STREET AND WE FOUND THAT IT SHARES HALF THE SECOND FLOOR WITH ASHLING MULTI-MEDIA CANADA LTD. (MOTION PICTURE DISTRIBUTORS). TO DATE, WE HAVE UNCOVERED NO REPEAT NO INFORMATION LOCALLY ON THE FIRM AND IT IS UNKNOWN TO THE BRITISH COLUMBIA - YUKON CHAMBER OF MINES. THERE IS A TELEPHONE DIRECTLY LISTING IN THE NAME OF GUILLERMO CROSBY AT 59 WALLACE PLACE, DELTA, B.C. (A VANCOUVER SUBURB), TELEPHONE (804) 943 X 8610. IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT KNOWN IF THIS IS THE SAME PERSON. CONGEN REQUESTED D AND B REPORT ON FIRM BUT LACK OF RESPONSE TO DATE INDICATES NO INFORMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE.

2. IN COINCIDENTAL DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL PRESS OF JUNE 8 AND 9 HAS FRONT-PAGED MAY 27 RCMP ARREST OF ONE PETER JOSEPH JAMES KENNEDY IDENTIFIED AS THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER IN CANADA OF ASHLING INVESTMENT LTD. OF VANCOUVER AND
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AMSTERDAM. DESCRIBED AS A "MYSTERY IRISHMAN", PRESS REPORTS THAT RCMP BELIEVE KENNEDY TO BE JAMES (POSSIBLE DEREK) JOSEPH MCCANN LINKED TO INTERNATIONAL GUN-RUNNING FOR THE IRA. RCMP OFFICER IS QUOTED BY PRESS AS SAYING MCCANN IS WANTED BY SCOTLAND YARD FOR FRAUD, BY BELFAST POLICE FOR ARSON, BURGLARY AND POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES AND BY POLICE IN WEST GERMANY FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER IN CONNECTION

WITH A BOMB ATTACK ON BRITISH OFFICES THERE IN 1973.

3. KENNEDY, ACCORDING TO PRESS, INSISTS HE IS ONLY A
BUSINESSMAN WHO HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN MAKING A FILM ABOUT
THE IRISH CONFLICT, ALTHOUGH HE ALSO REPORTEDLY CLAIMS HE
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WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED BY BRITISH INTELLIGENCE AGENTS
PURSUING HIM IN BELGIUM AND HOLLAND IN 1973.

4. PRESS CLIPPINGS BEING MAILED TO EUR/CAN FOR ANY
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